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September 28, 2017

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
California State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 386 (Glazer): State Beaches and Parks: Smoking Ban  
AAP-CA Position: SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports proposed legislation SB 386 (Glazer). This bill would ban smoking in state beaches and parks, except in certain areas designated by the director of the park.

Tobacco and secondhand tobacco smoke are highly hazardous to the health of anyone and especially to children. As stated in American Academy of Pediatrics policy, "There is no safe level of tobacco smoke exposure. The developing brains of children and adolescents are particularly vulnerable to the development of tobacco and nicotine dependence."

This bill would allow for further steps in protecting children and youth from exposure to tobacco or secondhand smoke, including the enactment of comprehensive smoking bans, which "prevents not only exposure to children of tobacco product emissions but also exposure to modeling of tobacco product use and nicotine consumption behavior" ("Public Policy to Protect Children From Tobacco, Nicotine, and Tobacco Smoke," Pediatrics, Nov. 2015).

SB 386 (Glazer) would make sure that children who frequent state beaches and parks are not exposed to secondhand smoke or inadvertently encouraged to use tobacco by seeing adults doing the same. A reduction in littered cigarettes would also potentially reduce wildfires in state parks, thus improving air quality and benefiting children who suffer from asthma and other respiratory ailments.

Pediatricians across the state strongly support SB 386 (Glazer) and respectfully request that you sign SB 386 (Glazer) into law. We thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Graff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" written in a more legible style than the last name "Graff", which has a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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